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The Virden Advance.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17th, 1885.

OUR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We have in the County of Dennis all the essential points which go to build up agricultural prosperity, viz: good land, a splendid water supply, a fair amount of timber, and excellent market facilities. We have only to point to the rising towns of Virden, Oak Lake, Elkhorn and Glenora, all situated on the main line of railway, and note the rapid progress they have made in the last two years, to be satisfied that we have probably the most promising and energetic population that any part of Manitoba or the Northwest has. Although as a County grain growing will necessarily be one of its most important agricultural industries—simply because it possesses within it a greater quantity of the very highest class of wheat growing land to be met with in the world, and the cultivation of that crop has hitherto, and we trust will be, attended with probably a greater measure of success than in any other part of the province—yet stock raising, and always will be, a subject which will command great attention. The valleys of the Assiniboine and Winnipeg, the thousands of acres of rich hay and pasture lands surrounding the beautiful stretch of water called Oak Lake, together with material crops in the northwest part of the County, furnish the best grazing lands we have. Large herds of good cattle are already to be found in these localities; sheep are being successfully raised by some farmers, a few of whom have considerable flocks; horse raising, which is now carried on by a few, will soon be taken up by almost every farmer; and this, with the careful breeding of pigs and poultry, already extensively carried on, will soon bring us to the level of districts which were well settled when this county was still unbroken prairie.

Knowing what Agricultural Societies, properly conducted, have done for districts in Ontario and the old countries, we would here draw the attention of every class in the community to the County of Dennis Agricultural Society, which is being organized as previously announced, to be held at Virden next Monday. This society has been characteristic of the people in its rapid progress, and so far it has been, unobscured, a success. On the date of the first show, the weather proving unfavorable, very few attended; on the occasion of the second exhibition, however, held on Oct. 6th and still fresh in the minds of all the Society had the pleasure of knowing that so far as competition in the different classes and attendance of the public were concerned, they had made a splendid success. Over two hundred dollars was awarded in prizes, and the citizens of Virden and Elkhorn, as well as friends from other parts, contributed largely to the success of this show by offering special prizes.

We feel, however, that it is only consistent with the progress being made in other districts that a very largely increased share of assistance be given to the society in the coming year. Farmers, merchants and all other residents in the County are equally interested in a society of this nature, and all ought to attend a meeting of such importance. In addition to the business already announced, to be given before the meeting, there are other matters of interest connected with the cultivation of grain, the raising of stock, and the advisability of importing draught or general purpose stallions, by the society or otherwise, for the improvement of stock—which

should be brought under discussion. So far this society has had to fight its way without assistance from the Provincial Legislature, which, however, it is confidently expected it will receive next year. This, with any judicious grant from each of our Municipal Councils and the increased interest of individuals, will make the success of next year's work a foregone conclusion.

WALLACE COUNCIL.

The last meeting of the 1885 Council was held at the Virden House, Virden, on Tuesday the 6th inst. Present: Deane McDougall in the chair, and Councillors Angus, Joell, Frame and Chisler.

COMMUNICATIONS.

W. J. Palmer, Sec. Treas., requesting the Council to pay him \$120, as half the Municipal levy of \$240 per annum, which he has paid in full, and that the school was in operation last over till next meeting.

Robert Hixson, applying for the discharging of his jury for township 11 and 12 for 1885. Referred to 1885 Council.

The members of the Public Works Committee recommended that having examined the reports of Councillors Frame, Tapp, Angus, Chisler and Joell, re \$800 each, improvement grant, amounting thus satisfactory, they be passed.

NOTICES.

Chris—Joell—That the report of the Public Works Committee be accepted. Carried.

Joell—Angus—That the Collector deduct the amount against John Cusack, charged for Statute Labor, and that the Clerk, Joell, be authorized to have work done next year. Carried.

Angus—Joell—That the following accounts, as recommended by the Finance Committee, be paid, and that the Clerk do authorize the Treasurer to issue cheques for the same: Messrs. Scarth & Co., for stores and supplies, \$25; Virden Advance, printing tax notices etc., \$10; W. M. Frame, fire inspector, \$15; Frame & Miller, lumber, telephone etc., \$11; Manitoba Free Press, collector's rolls, \$3.75; R. Jellany, for use of room for nine days, \$18; Cusack James, Elkhorn, use of room for employee, \$2; T. H. Gunning, Elkhorn, use of room for two days, \$4; John H. Angus, indemnity as Councillor, \$74.95; John Joell, ditto, \$44; Henry Chisler, ditto, \$18; J. Frame, ditto, \$33.30; Jas. Madill, Assessor for H. 26 and 27, \$100; Thos. Watson, Assessor for L. 1 and 2, \$100; W. J. Angus, W. H. McDougall, registration, expenses to Elkhorn and Spring, \$12.30; W. H. McDougall, salary, \$120. Total \$894.85.

Chris—Joell—That the Council vote the sum of \$100 for luncheon and for the table manner in which he has filled the chair for the last year. Carried.

BY-LAWS.

The Board having left the chair, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, Councillor Frame in the chair, and reported on By-law 28, 29 and 30. By-law 28, to locate a place to nominate a Reeve and Councillors for 1886, viz at the School House, Virden, was passed by a vote of 5 to 0. By-law 29, to appoint Returning Officers and polling places for the election of Reeve and Councillors for 1886, the following officers being appointed: W. H. McDougall, Returning Officer; A. P. Stewart, Wm. Wood, George Carafon, John Robinson and D. E. McGregor, Deputy Returning Officers. By-law 30, for the remuneration of the Councillors for 1886, By-laws 28, 29 and 30 were read a first and second time.

The Reeve resumed the chair and By-laws were read a third time and passed.

Chris—Joell—That the applications of Messrs. Bellamy and Joell for one horse each destroyed by glanders be accepted; and the one-half part of the value of said animals be paid within one year, or when there is money in the treasury, as provided in By-law 35. Carried.

Joell—Angus—That Mr. Carey be paid the sum of fifty dollars, within twelve months of this date or sooner if funds are in the treasury, for a horse that he destroyed, by order of the Veterinary, and valued at \$100. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned till call of the W. H. McDougall, Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but are willing to give space in our paper to any letter for the discussion of public questions.

Wm. H. Hall, Editor.

NOTES.

Chris—Joell—That the Board of several letters inquiring about what would be done with lands in arrears for taxes, I think it would be well to make public, the law is now made, and so save further inquiry from the interested. The District Board at Brandon will

sell, about the 1st of March next, all lands, occupied or unoccupied, patented or unpatented, that are in arrears for taxes for 1884, unless sooner paid, with interest, and if advertised the cost of advertising. In the case of lands where the title is in the Crown the deed therefor shall convey only such interest as the Crown may have given or partial title. The Notice for sale for 1884, unless sooner paid, at the same time.

A. G. McDougall, Reeve.

ACROSS THE RIVER.

To the Editor of the Virden Advance.

Sir—Your talented correspondent seems to have outdone himself in a feeble attempt to reply to an item which appeared in your columns about two months ago concerning some oats being taken from a grainary without the owner's leave. He seems to think that your correspondent from "Across the River" has been misinformed in the matter. I beg to state that your correspondent was well acquainted with the facts prior to the posting of said item, having witnessed the taking of the grain and having the more important facts of the following morning from the owner himself. Mr. Innocent says there may be some excuse for me seeing that I have friends boarding with the general, or long haired waiter, now putting in time at Stoney Mountain. Mr. I has the advantage of me there, but if I have friends there or elsewhere I'm connecting to think it is not for tracking the tenth commandment. I would also say that the party alluded to has more friends in this country than ever Mr. I is liable to be.

POUGHKEEPS.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. WESTERN DIVISION.

TRAIN SERVICE.

On and after May 30th, 1885, trains will move as follows:

LEAVE	ARRIVE
1.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	2.30 P.M.
1.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	4.00 P.M.
2.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	4.30 P.M.
2.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	5.00 P.M.
3.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	5.30 P.M.
3.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	6.00 P.M.
4.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	6.30 P.M.
4.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	7.00 P.M.
5.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	7.30 P.M.
5.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	8.00 P.M.
6.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	8.30 P.M.
6.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	9.00 P.M.
7.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	9.30 P.M.
7.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	10.00 P.M.
8.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	10.30 P.M.
8.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	11.00 P.M.
9.00 P.M. Winnipeg to Virden	11.30 P.M.
9.30 P.M. Virden to Winnipeg	12.00 P.M.

Trains between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw run daily except Mondays.

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— AND —

FURNITURE!

ALL AT ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

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GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We wish our Customers and Patrons a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

When in Virden Inspect our Stock of

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